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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Read the following:--

G.O.No.793 Development dated 26th February 1947
G.O.No.2535 Development dated 9th June 1947
From the Director of Agriculture No.Y2-219/47, dated 5-8-1947.

O R D E R:

His Excellency the Governor approves the action of the Director of Agriculture in incurring an expenditure not exceeding Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) during 1947-48 for the supply of vegetable seeds to schools in the Province for encouraging vegetable cultivation in school compounds. He is also permitted to continue the scheme during 1947-48 in such of the schools which have adequate water facilities keeping in view the suggestion in item (c) in para 4 below.

2) The expenditure should be met from the provision under "40-d. Agriculture - Agricultural demonstration and propaganda including public exhibition and fairs - purchase and distribution of seeds, manures etc." The Director of Agriculture is requested to apply for additional funds required for expenditure during the current year in due course.

3) The vegetables produced in the schools should be used up as food for students, if there is any mid-day meal scheme in the school. If not, a suitable concessional price for the various vegetables should be fixed for each neighbourhood by the local District Educational Officer in consultation with the District Agricultural Officer. All vegetables grown on the school plot should be sold at this price to teachers and students, only the surplus being sold at market prices to outsiders. Every school should maintain a record of such sales which should be inspected periodically. The amount realised would be an index of the success of the scheme. The proceeds may be devoted to some useful object, such as the expansion of school garden or provision of more games and playing fields for the school children.

4) The Director of Agriculture is requested to report -

(a) the exact value of vegetable seeds distributed to schools during 1947-48;

(b) the approximate cost of the seeds that may be required for free distribution in 1948-49, taking into account the seeds already preserved from the plantation of 1947-48;

(c) whether specific instructions may not be issued to the school authorities that wherever the scheme has been given effect to, a portion of the

garden should be reserved for seed purposes, so that the seeds so preserved may be utilised in the succeeding year not only in that school, but if necessary, in other schools in that Taluk or district where the scheme is to be newly introduced.

5) The Government of India will be addressed separately for a half grant towards the expenditure incurred during 1947-48 and 1948-49 after receipt of the information referred to in items (a) and (b) in para 3 above. The attention of the Director of Agriculture is invited to Government endorsement No.85546-AI 47-11, dated 4th May 1948 and he is requested to include these particulars in his reply to the endorsement.

By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

To the Director of Agriculture
To the Director of Public Instruction
To the Accountant-General, Madras through the Finance Department
Copy to Education & Public Health Department
(Copy to C. 85541-A.III/47 )